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MEMORANDUM FOR : Director, FBIS
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group
SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Gulf Bureau-October 1982

I. GENERAL

Based on information supplied by headquarters we wrote up a proposal for the Bahraini Minister of Information on how the bureau would utilize a remote tuning system if we were granted access to a Bahraini antenna field. The proposal was the outgrowth of a discussion held with the Minister of Information when Chief, Operations Group visited the bureau in September. Bahraini government officials are currently preoccupied with preparations for the Gulf Cooperation Council summit, but we hope to have a decision on our proposal by the end of the month.

Some 36 monitorial candidates in Pakistan were interviewed and tested in the first two weeks of October. Recommendations on several good candidates have been made to headquarters.

II. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Partially as an aid to assist us in assessing the Baluchi-language capability of a monitor currently on duty and as an effort to identify Baluchi coverage that would support enhanced collection requirements for Pakistan, the bureau began sampling Baluchi-programming from transmitters in Zahedan, Mashhad and Kabul. In addition, we are having the Islamabad unit record and pouch to us Baluchi programming from Quetta. Altogether we will be sampling about 3 hours of Baluchi programming daily. Islamabad unit is also securing for us on a regular basis two monthly Baluchi publications printed in Quetta. Separate cruising messages will be filed on this sample coverage in due course.

2. In addition to the Baluchi coverage cited above, we have added additional local programming in Farsi from Zahedan and Esfahan along with four Farsi-language Iranian opposition papers published in London and Paris. We receive these papers through London with a lag of 2-3 weeks from publication. It is still too early to say how productive they might be; we filed approximately 3,500 words from them in October after beginning exploitation.

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3. Saudi Arabia began a new service from Jidda during the month. The news programs closely parallel news items carried by the Saudi news agency SPA, but appear to be carried in advance of release by SPA. The programming is carried only on mediumwave and has been quite productive during the initial sample period. We are coordinating with the BBC on this coverage to minimize duplication with Riyadh.

4. The bureau continued to provide backstop assistance to the BBC in its coverage of Tehran and Riyadh. On several occasions during the month we either patched newscasts to Caversham or processed the material at the bureau.

5. At the request of AG, the bureau conducted an extensive review of Tashkent Uighur programming for indications of a shift in Soviet comment on China. We wirefiled program summaries for a 2-week period and are now preparing weekly editorial reports as soon as the recordings are received from Islamabad.

6. We provided direct support to the Ambassador on 4 October while a hijacked Iranian airliner was present in Gulf airspace. The Ambassador relayed our reports to concerned Bahraini government officials.

III. VISITS

1. To the bureau on 30 October: Mr. Robert Miller, a senior inspector of the Department of State's IG staff whose team was in Bahrain to survey the local mission.



Bureau Chief

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Attachment A

ENGINEERING REPORT--GULF BUREAU MONTHLY REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1982

Equipment received : Receiver/Monitor TV, Sony Model
CVM-1350E SN 501711.

Equipment transferred : None

Projects : None

GULF BUREAU PRODUCTION REPORT FOR OCTOBER 1982I. TOTALS FROM ALL SOURCES:

TOTAL PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH :	271,050
TOTAL NON-PUBLISHABLE WORDAGE FILED DURING MONTH :	120,700
TOTAL NUMBER OF PUBLISHABLE ITEMS FILED DURING MONTH :	641

	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
II. <u>INPUT OF REGULAR COVERAGE:</u> (minutes or issues per week)	13,175 mins.	9,030 mins.	186.23 issues

III. OUTPUT FROM ALL SOURCES:
(publishable words per month)AFGHANISTAN

Kabul in English to South Asia	0
Kabul International Service in Arabic	0

BAHRAIN

Manama Domestic Service in Arabic	0	
Manama Domestic Service in English	0	
Manama Domestic Television Service in Arabic	0	
Manama WAKH in Arabic		26,860
Manama WAKH in English		450
Manama GULF NEWS AGENCY in English		0
Manama AKBAR AL-KHALIJ in Arabic		2,940
Manama AL-ADWA' in Arabic		1,940

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Manama GULF DAILY NEWS in English			2,280
Manama GULF MIRROR in English			2,320
Manama SADA AL-USBU' in Arabic			0
Manama AL-MAWAQIF in Arabic			0

CLANDESTINE

(Clandestine) National Voice of Iran in Azeri to Iran	0
(Clandestine) Free Voice of Iran in Persian to Iran	15,600
(Clandestine) Radio Iran in Persian to Iran	650
(Clandestine) Voice of Iran in Persian	750
(Clandestine) Ahvaz Voice of Al-Qadisiyah in Arabic	0
(Clandestine) Voice of Iraqi Islamic Revolution in Arabic	0
(Clandestine) Seda-ye Iran Radio in Persian	0

FRANCE

PARIS ARA in Persian	1,040
Paris Iran Va Jahan in Persian	1,400

IRAN

Tehran International Service in Arabic	13,100
Tehran International Service in Russian	0
Tehran International Service in Turkish	6,430
Tehran Domestic Service in Persian	2,420
Tehran Domestic Television Service in Persian	0
Tehran International Service in Pashto	0
Abadan NIOC Radio in Arabic	0
Ahvaz Domestic Service in Persian	1,120

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
Esfahan Domestic Service in Persian	140		
Mashhad Domestic Service in Persian	200		
Shiraz Domestic Service in Persian	1,130		
Bandar 'Abbas Domestic Service in Persian	0		
Ahvaz Domestic Service in Arabic	0		
Bushehr Domestic Service in Persian	3,030		
Zahedan Domestic Service in Persian	130		
Tehran IRNA in English		26,520	
Tehran IRNA in Arabic		0	
Tehran Jomhuri-Ye Eslami in Persian			2,210
Tehran Ettela'at in Persian			360
Tehran Keyhan in Persian			5,360
Tehran Ash-Shahid in Arabic			0

IRAQ

Baghdad International Service in Azeri	2,200		
Baghdad Domestic Service in Arabic	1,550		

KUWAIT

Kuwait AL-WATAN in Arabic			2,500
Kuwait AL-ANBA' in Arabic			670
Kuwait AL-QABAS in Arabic			4,420
Kuwait AR-RA'Y AL-'AMM in Arabic			630
Kuwait ARAB TIMES in English			2,420
Kuwait AS-SIYASAH in Arabic			690
Kuwait AL-HADAF in Arabic			330

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<u>OMAN</u>			
Muscat Domestic Service in Arabic	4,200		
Salalah Domestic Service in Arabic	1,130		
Muscat 'Uman in Arabic			370
<u>PAKISTAN</u>			
Karachi DAWN in English			3,840
Karachi JANG in Urdu			570
Karachi JASARAT in Urdu			1,040
Karachi MASHRIQ in Urdu			0
Lahore NAWA-E WAQT in Urdu			340
Islamabad THE MUSLIM in English			1,080
Lahore JANG in Urdu			260
<u>QATAR</u>			
Doha Domestic Service in Arabic	3,430		
Doha QNA in Arabic		16,400	
Doha AR-RAYAH in Arabic			4,000
<u>SAUDI ARABIA</u>			
Riyadh Domestic Service in Arabic	3,810		
Riyadh Domestic Television Service in Arabic	1,290		
Riyadh Domestic Television Service in English	0		
Jidda Domestic Service in Arabic	2,950		
Ad-Dammam AL-YAWM in Arabic			0
Jidda AL-BILAD in Arabic			0
Jidda AL-MADINAH in Arabic			3,970

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<u>UNION OF SOVIET SOCIALIST REPUBLICS</u>			
Moscow in Persian to			
Iran	0		
Baku International Service in			
Azeri	3,940		
Tashkent International Service in			
Uzbek	9,780		
Yerevan International Service in			
Armenian	0		
Ashkabad Domestic Service in			
Russian	530		
Baku Domestic Service in			
Russian	0		
Tashkent Domestic Service in			
Russian	890		
Yerevan Domestic Service in			
Armenian	0		
Dushanbe Domestic Service in			
Russian	0		
Tashkent International Service			
in Uighur	3,100		
Yerevan SOVETAKAN AYASTAN in			
Armenian			13,160
<u>UNITED ARAB EMIRATES</u>			
Abu Dhabi Domestic Service			
in Arabic	2,690		
Abu Dhabi WAM in			
Arabic		6,610	
Abu Dhabi AL-FAJR in			
Arabic			0
Abu Dhabi AL-ITTIHAD in			
Arabic			880
Ash-Shariqah AL-KHALIJ			
in Arabic			7,710
Dubayy AL-BAYAN in			
Arabic			820
Dubayy KHALEEJ TIMES			
in English			3,460
<u>UNITED KINGDOM</u>			
London Voice of Iran			
in English			1,250
London Asghar AQA			
in Persian			0

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	BROAD- CASTS	PRESS AGENCIES	PUBLI- CATIONS
<u>PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN (PDRY)</u>			
Aden Domestic Service in Arabic	12,860		
Aden Voice of PFLO in Arabic	1,930		
Aden ANA in Arabic		2,450	
Aden Voice of Palestine in Arabic	4,210		
<u>YEMEN ARAB REPUBLIC (YAR)</u>			
San'a' Domestic Service in Arabic	6,870		
San'a' Voice of Palestine in Arabic	5,420		